

# THE CHARITON COURIER.

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## EXTRA SESSION.

We think it was a bad policy for Governor Stone to call a special session of the legislature with the view of securing needed legislation, which the regular session failed in accomplishing, for the reason there is no proof of the fact that the members in special session will be an improvement over themselves while in regular session.

After the failure of the Thirty-fourth general assembly to enact some much-needed railroad laws, Governor Marmaduke convened the body in extra session for that express purpose. After remaining in extra session much longer than the governor thought was necessary, a railroad measure was passed, which probably has never been worth anything like as much to the people as it cost.

The fellow-servant law for the benefit of laboring men generally, and the elections law for the benefit of St. Louis and Kansas City, may be of great interest to the parties concerned, but having waited this long for the benefits to be bestowed, perhaps we can wait till the meeting of the Thirty-ninth general assembly without material detriment. In the mean time the necessity for such laws can be made manifest during the next campaign, and in this way the representatives may be fully advised of the wishes of their constituents.

These subjects have not agitated the mind of the governor very long, it seems, as he made no specific mention of them in his biennial message.

## Opening Court With Prayer.

One of the learned justices of the Maine supreme court, than whom no man better knows how to appreciate a really amusing thing, was holding court at Ellsworth, and according to honored custom called in a local clergyman to open the session with a supplication to heaven. This worthy gentleman came and after a chat with the justice proceeded to address the Giver of all good and perfect things thus: "All mighty God we beseech Thee to bestow upon the presiding justice the wisdom which he so greatly needs." It is said that the same judge once opened court after prayer which began this way: "Oh Lord, we pray Thee to overrule the decision of the court to Thine own honor and glory."

Gov. STONE has issued a proclamation convening the legislature in extra session April 23rd. There are conflicting opinions among the wise and knowing ones concerning the action of the governor. Some think it was right, proper and necessary, while others say it is the first serious official blunder he has made. The governor asks for the enactment of a law to prevent the maintenance of an organized lobby at the capitol of the state; a fellow-servant law, a law to prevent frauds at elections, one to make an appropriation for the expense of the special session, and to consider other matters that may be submitted by special message.

THE young men who are "too old to go to school" and too lazy to work, and the dudes who part their hair in the middle and lay around the street corners Sundays and Mondays and every other day in the week smoking cigarettes while their mothers dig in the garden, are the calamity howlers of the future in this country.—Mexico Ledger.

At Denver, Colorado, there was a fearful wind and snow storm last Saturday that did much damage. It was the worst storm since 1891. A gable of the Columbia school-house was blown out and stones weighing 35 pounds were blown 30 feet away.

JUSTICES of the peace recently elected will remember that the law requires them to file an itemized expense account, incurred in the canvass, with the county clerk before he can issue their commissions.

THE attempt of the young Japanese to assassinate Li Hong Chang, the Chinese peace commissioner, has cost the young man his freedom for life, as the swift visitation of justice has sentenced him to a servitude for life.

## IGNORANCE OF THE BIBLE.

The editor's study in *Herper's Monthly* for March, refers to recent statistics concerning the ignorance of the Bible among scholars in our public schools and colleges, which is taken to furnish a curious illustration of the inadequacy of our educational machine to meet the requirements of life.

Charles Dudley Warner, the writer of the article, says: "Some of these pupils are victims of the idea that the Bible should not be read by the young, for fear that they will be prejudiced in a religious way before their minds are mature enough to select a religion for themselves."

Now wholly apart from its religious or ethical value, the Bible is the one book that no intelligent person who wishes to come in contact with the world of thought and to share the ideas of the great minds of the Christian era can afford to be ignorant of. All modern literature and all art are permeated with it. There is scarcely a great work in the language that can be fully understood and enjoyed without this knowledge, so full is it of allusion and illustrations of the Bible.

This is true of fiction, of poetry, of economic and of philosophic works, and also of the scientific and even agnostic treatises.

It is not at all a question of religion or theology, or of dogma; it is a question of general intelligence.

Mr. Warner traces the reason for this ignorance of the Bible in part to its being discarded from the public schools, but still more to its changed position in the home.

He says: "In comparison with its position a century ago it is now a neglected book. It is neglected as literature. There are several suggestions for reviving interest in it."

One of them is already in operation in our Sunday-school work. Another is its study as literature in the schools and colleges.

But we believe that the change will only come effectively by attention to the fundamental cause of this ignorance, the neglect of its use in the home in childhood.

In the family is where this education must begin, and it will then be an easy and unconscious educator, a stimulus to the imagination, and a ready key to the great word of tradition, custom, history literature.

If the writer is correct in his diagnosis of this case, it is easy to determine the cause of the great increase of crime in this country, whence come murders, suicides, thefts, divorces and all sorts of lawlessness.

Some members of the last congress have sins of commission as well as of omission for which they will have to answer to the bar of public opinion when their names are published, as Secretary Morton of the agricultural department says he will in his annual report. These congressmen have been in the habit of disposing of their quota of seeds furnished by the agricultural department in a manner not contemplated by law. Instead of distributing them among their constituents, free of charge, they have sold them. Some of them, it is said, have been disposing of public documents in the same way.

HON. J. B. OLD, representative in the legislature from Oregon county, died last week and Governor Stone has ordered a special election to be held on April 10th to fill the vacancy.

## MONROE DOCTRINE.

Every once and a while there is something in many of the papers of the United States concerning the "Monroe doctrine." Especially is this the case when a European power threatens in any way to interfere with either of the small governments of the western continent. But some persons probably do not know exactly what the "Monroe doctrine" is.

It was first set forth by President Monroe in a message to congress in 1823 and is as follows:

"That the countries of the American continent by a free and independent condition, which they have assumed and maintained, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by any European powers."

The most conspicuous opportunity ever given the United States to enforce the "Monroe doctrine" was during our late war when Maximilian, the Austrian, accepted the crown of Mexico at the hands of Louis Napoleon of France. He came over and took possession, but when our domestic troubles ceased, Uncle Sam gave him and the government under whose auspices he was acting to understand that such a scheme of brazen impudence would not be tolerated. He was abandoned to his fate and was put to death by the Mexicans, who shortly afterward set up their Republican form of government again.

While the principle of the "Monroe doctrine" is a righteous one, there is danger of some of our smaller republics presuming too much. The idea that they are to be protected by the United States is calculated, perhaps has already done so in some instances, to make them captious with more powerful nations, with which they have commercial relations.

We believe Nicaragua did wrong in giving the British minister his passport, and thus offering an insult to that government for which she is demanding an indemnity of \$75,000.

Yet, according to the doctrine enumerated, Uncle Sam objects, and as a result may get into trouble with the British lion.

The Chariton County *Republican*, published at Brunswick, has taken its "second growth," and has enlarged from a 7 to an 8-column folio. It also promises to add another cubit to its stature in course of time if the Republicans "and progressive Democrats" will stand by it. The *Republican* boldly and with malice aforethought admits having an ambition to become as large as "the pap-fostered journals of this county." If wind will enlarge it, there is no doubt about the *Republican* becoming as large as a balloon and as offensive to fair-minded, conservative members of the Republican party as a gas factory.

In the criminal court at St. Louis a few days ago the trial of two men charged with establishing a lottery was called, and in questioning the jury it was found that nine of the twelve men were in the habit of buying lottery tickets. The prosecuting attorney then dismissed the case with the remark that it was impossible to convict men when nine-twelfths of the people seemed to patronize their establishment.

A. G. Knaus, the new abstract man, and family from Fayette have set up to house-keeping in the Hansman property in the southwest part of town.

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## TESTIMONIALS.

Boonville, Mo., Feb. 3, '95. I was a sufferer from catarrh for six years. The disease had taken hold of my lung and I was very weak and emaciated. I have been improving every day since I began taking Dr. Forest's medicine. I got rid of my cough in three weeks and now feel like myself again, having gained flesh and strength. Yours Truly, MRS. AUG. BRECKNEY.

DR. J. D. FOREST, Dear Doctor:—A few lines to let you know how I am getting along. I am feeling better every day. My cough is gone; have not had a spell of tight breathing since I came home. Three pounds gain in three days will do to go to town and vote on, so here goes Democratic. Come and see us. Yours Truly, WM. SHAW, Glasgow, Mo.

## WHAT MAKES GREAT MEN.

Rev. Russell Conwell. A young man goes into politics and says he will be great when he is elected to a great office. He won't. He will rattle about in it like a pea in a big tin pan. Office does not make a man great. The greatness lies in the man.

He says he will go to war and become a great hero. No, he won't. He will get shot if he tries it. History credits all victories to the officers. It has them at the front with a waving sword; but as a matter of fact they are three or four miles in the rear.

It is said that in the city of St. Louis there are 20,000 persons who have the legal right to vote, who never go to the polls, and that these are composed in a large measure of men of wealth and influence. It is no wonder that there are election frauds where such a respectable portion of the community refuse to take part in the selection of officials, and also refuses a nomination to office themselves.

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Keytesville, March 26th, 1895. I called on Dr. Tyler this morning and had three very bad teeth extracted, and can truthfully say that I felt no pain or bad effects. MISS LUCY WHITE.

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The rebellion in Cuba seems to be assuming larger proportions. It is estimated that there are 20,000 insurgents in the field, who are resisting Spanish authority, and are gaining victories over Spanish troops. At the present it is difficult to forecast the final result.

Just before going to press last week, "Uncle Lewis" Grotjan of the Dalton neighborhood dropped into the COURIER sanctum and evened up with the COURIER for another year. We were glad to learn from him that he is a silver man and is amply able to give a reason for the faith that is within him for the restoration of silver to its rightful place, the world over, within a few years, though he thinks we need not necessarily wait for the action of European countries to lead in the matter. We are able, he says, to take care of ourselves. We need to have silver remonetized and it must be done before the depression in business, generally, gives way to a prosperous era.

From Rev. H. C. Barton.

Gallatin, Mo., April 1st, '95 MR. EDITOR:—Thinking it would be of interest to my friends in Keytesville, I write respecting the work upon which I am about to enter.

I have been called to the mission work of North Liberty association, which is the second largest association in the state, comprising sixty churches with a membership of six thousand. My work will be holding revivals, organizing churches and Sunday-schools, also building church-houses wherever needed, I am, Yours Truly, H. C. BARTON.

There is a mistaken idea, says the reliable and authentic *Atchison Globe*, that "culture" means to paint a little, to sing a little, to dance a little and to quote passages from late popular books. As a matter of fact, culture means nothing of the kind. Culture means mastery over self-politeness, charity, fairness, good temper, good conduct. Culture is not a thing to make a display of, it is something to use so modestly that people do not discover all at once that you have it.

Messrs. Wesley Ellis and A. J. Bell, two of Clark township's prominent citizens, were at the capital last Tuesday. Mr. Ellis has our thanks for an order for job work for the general merchandise firm of J. E. Ellis & Co. at Westville of which he is a member.

The bridge across the Muscle Fork at Guthridge Mills is reported to be in a dangerous condition and badly in need of repairs.

Miss Clara Kellogg left for St. Louis last Monday for a two weeks' visit to her sister, Mrs. B. D. Kribben. Miss Clara was accompanied as far as Moberly by her brother, J. C. Kellogg.